

**REMARKS**

The present amendment modifies the form only of Claim 17 so as to eliminate the use of multiple dependency.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Marked-up Claim 17**

17. (Amended) A liquid crystal device as claimed in claim 1 [any of the preceding claims], further comprising means for applying an electric field over said AFLC material, the liquid crystal device thereby being an electrooptic liquid crystal device, wherein said AFLC material being uniaxial negative in a zero-field state ( $E=0$ ).

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